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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, VS

SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY THAT AMERICANS MAY BE DENIED EXIT FROM  
VIETNAM

1. THE LAST AMERICANS TO EXIT SAIGON WERE THREE NATURALIZED AMERICANS WHO CAME OUT ON 22 AUGUST VIA THE FRENCH AIRLIFT. ONE OF THESE, ANDRE JEAN LUSK, SAID THAT HIS AMERICAN PASSPORT HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HIM AND THAT HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO LEAVE BECAUSE HE ALSO HAD A FRENCH PASSPORT.

2. ON 26 AUGUST TWO EMBOFF MET FRENCH AIRLIFT PLANE IN BANGKOK AFTER BEING ALERTED BY FRENCH EMBASSY THAT TWO AMCITS WERE ON BOARD. NO AMCITS WERE ON THE AIRCRAFT BUT A BRITISH SUBJECT, PETER WILES, SAID THAT FOUR AMERICANS, INCLUDING ONE NAMED FRED GULDEN, HAD BEEN TURNED AWAY AT TAN SON NHUT AFTER BEING MANIFESTED FOR THE FLIGHT IN SAIGON.

3. UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT IN SAIGON, ALAN DAWSON, AN AMCIT, HAS BEEN EXPECTED IN BANGKOK FOR THE PAST WEEK. PAUL VOGEL OF UPI BANGKOK BUREAU TOLD EMBOFF ON 2 SEPT. THAT DAWSON IS NOW EXPECTED ON 3 SEPT. ASSOCIATED PRESS BUREAU CHIEF BLYSTONE TOLD EMBOFF ON  
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2 SEPT. THAT HE HAS HEARD STORIES THAT PRG MAY BE HOLDING

REMAINING AMCITS IN SAIGON FOR POLITICAL BLACKMAIL.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT THE PRG IS CONSIDERING HOLDING AMERICANS IN VIETNAM HOSTAGE BUT IT IS UNUSUAL THAT MORE HAVE NOT COME OUT IN THE PAST WEEK AS WE KNOW OF SEVERAL WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO LEAVE AND WHOSE PAPERS ARE REPORTEDLY IN ORDER. THE FRENCH AIRLIFT HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED LATELY, POSSIBLY DUE TO CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 2 SEPT. IN SAIGON.  
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